

PRACTICE PAPER-2

ENGLISH

SOLUTION

SECTION-A : READING SKILLS (20 Marks)

1.
 - (i) (A) of the requirement of overall development of the students.
 - (ii) (C) You might consider taking a vitamin supplement.
 - (iii) (C) Option 3
 - (iv) (B) truth
 - (v) (D) Holistic Approach to Education
 - (vi) (B) The team is working towards the intellectual development of the company.
 - (vii) (B) a 360-degree activity
 - (viii) (B) instil
 - (ix) (A) social growth
 - (x) (A) good grades and job offers.

2.
 - (i) (A) carbon dioxide
 - (ii) (D) All of the above
 - (iii) (C) Option C
 - (iv) (B) A and B
 - (v) (D) Germany and The United Kingdom
 - (vi) China
 - (vii) Germany and Canada
 - (viii) 16,00,000
 - (ix) True
 - (x) (C) Both A and B are true but independent of each other

SECTION-B : CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS (20 Marks)

III.

1. (A)

TAGORE MEMORIAL SCHOOL, PATNANOTICE

5th November 20XX

INTER-SCHOOL ORCHESTRA COMPETITION

On the occasion of the Silver Jubilee celebrations, an Inter-School Orchestra Competition will be held for the students of class IX to XII. The details are as follows :-

Date : 14 November 20XX
Time : 2 p.m. onwards
Venue : Vikram Auditorium
Participants : Maximum 9 in an item

Last date for submission of Entry Forms is 10th November 20XX. For more details contact the undersigned. Do ensure maximum participation.

*Rachna Dubey***RACHNA DUBEY**

(President)

Cultural Forum

OR

1.(B)

K.D. VIDYALAYA, NOIDANOTICE

20th September 20XX

TALK ON 'NUCLEAR ENERGY IN INDIA'

All the students of classes XI and XII (Science Section) are requested to attend the talk by a renowned scientist. The details are as follows :-

Date : 27 September 20XX
Time : 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Venue : School Auditorium
Speaker : Dr VR Trivedi

Don't miss out on this opportunity to be enlightened on the nuclear sufficiency of India.

*Prakash Ahuja***PRAKASH AHUJA**

(Activity Incharge)

2. (A)

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| <p>SUNRISE GLOBAL SCHOOL, AGRA seeks your gracious presence on the Annual One Act Play Competition EKLAVYA</p> | |
| Date | : 18 September 20XX |
| Time | : 4 p.m. |
| Venue | : School Auditorium |
| Chief Guest | : Mrs. Nalini Maheshwari |
| <p>(Noted Theatre Artiste)</p> | |
| <p>RSVP Karuna Kaushik (Cultural Secretary) 9594333XXX</p> | |
| <p>Guests are requested to be seated by 3:30 p.m.</p> | |

OR

2. (B)

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| <p>Sumit thanks the President of the Rotary Club, Meerut for inviting him to act as one of the judges for the debate competition on 20 April 20XX. However, he expresses his deep regret for his inability to accept the invitation due to some prior engagement. He sends his best wishes for the event.</p> <p>Regards</p> |
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3. (A) 3/A, Apsara Apartments

Mayur Vihar

Lucknow

10 February 20XX

The Editor

New Indian Express

MG Road

Lucknow

Sir

Subject : Negative effects of TV advertisements

This is to express my concern over the quality of advertisements shown these days on television. I believe television has become the fulcrum not only of our drawing room, but also of our lives, so it has a great impact on our minds.

The TV screens blatantly advertise false promises. There are fairness creams that can transform black beauties into beauty queens, fat women overnight becomes gorgeous models, weak children grown energetic and win prizes after eating some breakfast cereals or noodles. Backbenchers and dull boys become leaders by just buying a particular detergent or washing powder.

Promoting belief in these things plays on the psychology of consumers who tend to get superstitious and lazy. They overestimate the power of these products and neglect the importance of self-help, independence, confidence and hard work. Let us join hands in condemning these things that do not make one progressive but regressive. Let us be the flagbearers and spread the belief that there is no good or bad luck. The only thing that matters is willpower, determination and perseverance.

I hope the readers will spread my belief further.

Thank you

Your faithfully

Ramesh

OR

3. (B) B-12 Anand Apts
Sector 22
Chandigarh

16 February 20XX

The General Manager
Tata Motors
Corporate House
Gurugram

Sir

Subject : Job application for the post of a Chief Marketing Officer

With reference to your advertisement in 'The Times of India' dated 10 February 20XX, I wish to apply for the above mentioned post.

I have the requisite qualification and rich experience behind me, and further, I wish to assure you that I have the confidence and ability to fulfill your expectations. I hope you find my biodata befitting your requirements and subsequently call me for an interview.

Your faithfully

Prakash Saraswat

Enclosures : (1) Biodata

: (2) Photocopies of certificates and testimonials

BIO-DATA

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| Name | : | Prakash Saraswat |
| Age | : | 32 years |
| Father's name | : | Mr Satya Prakash |
| Address & Contact | : | B-12, Anand Apts, Sector-22, Chandigarh |
| Marital Status | : | Unmarried |
| Experience | : | (i) 2 years - Junior Marketing Officer - Johnson and Jenson (ii) 5 years - Senior Marketing Officer - Maruti, Gurugram |
| Academics | : | (i) New Era School - Commerce + 2 = 80% (ii) Vivekananda College, Delhi — BBA - 75% (iii) MBA (Marketing) - Delhi - 60% |
| Other Interests | : | Reading, Debating, Playing Badminton |
| Distinctions | : | (i) Organised Talk shows at the school level (ii) Part of School Prefectorial Board (iii) Class Representative in College |
| References | : | (i) Mr Santosh Bisht Senior Executive Officer, Ashok Leyland, Gurugram (ii) Mr Kailash Mishra Manager, Birla Electronics, Gurugram |

4. (A)

DAYLIGHT ROBBERY**(By - Mohan Tiwari, Staff Correspondent)**

19 March 20XX: A daylight daring burglary took place yesterday in a West Delhi jewellery shop — M.L. Jewellers. The burglars ran away with goods and jewellery worth ₹4 lakhs. According to onlookers and manager of the shop a couple entered the shop at 12 P.M. and requested some gold necklaces to be shown. The lady kept asking for more pieces to be shown when suddenly the man accompanying her pulled out a revolver. The stunned salesman, a few buyers and the manager, watched helplessly as the lady decamped with what she could lay her hands on. The man then vanished too before an alarm could be raised.

The police arrived half an hour later and are still making an enquiry. The description of two burglars have been recorded and the police is hopeful of nabbing the culprits soon.

OR

4. (B)

CULTURAL EXTRAVAGANZA—SURAJKUND**(By - Archana)**

The Surajkund Mela is a craft festival held every year from the 1st February to the 20th of February. It is held on a 40-acre land that houses 1,010 working stalls. More than a million visitors attend this fair where painters, weavers, sculptors and craftspeople around the country display their wares. One sees visitors from all over the world at this fair.

The entry involves a ticket that costs ₹80/- on weekdays and ₹120/- on weekends. There is, however, a discounted rate provided for senior citizens, soldiers and students. The fair that goes on for twenty odd days, opens at 10.30 am and goes on till 8.30 pm on all days.

Besides the exhibition and sale of authentic Indian products, every day, one can enjoy the different dance or musical forms of India and the world. The air is filled with the aroma of international cuisine. It is indeed a feast for the eyes to see a colourful sea of human beings of different ages and gender who enjoy this yearly cultural extravaganza.

SECTION-C : LITERATURE (40 Marks)**IV.**

- 1.(A) (i) 'cease our activity.'
(ii) (A) The entire globe
(iii) (B) Pablo Neruda
(iv) (C) To observe silence to introspect
(v) The name of the poem is 'Keeping Quiet'.
(vi) slowness / slow

OR

- 1.(B) (i) spirits
(ii) (C) blessing
(iii) (B) a noun
(iv) (B) A Thing of Beauty
(v) (A) Only E
(vi) The poet celebrates the beauty of a tree as a shady boon.

- 2.(A) (i) The Maharaja announced a three-year exemption from all taxes for that village because the villagers informed the Maharaja about the tiger.
- (ii) (A) The tiger was eating the sheep
- (iii) (D) swallowing sheep whole
- (iv) 'Ascertain' means to find out or learn with certainty.

OR

2. (B) (i) The injured person had sustained only internal injuries.
- (ii) (A) wound of the whiteman
- (iii) (D) Sadao the surgeon
- (iv) deep

3. (A) (i) Bulletin-board
- (ii) (A) Franz
- (iii) (C) For the last two years all bad news had come from it
- (iv) (C) in front of the bulletin-board
- (v) An antonym of 'apprentice' is veteran / pro / expert
- (vi) The blacksmith was reading the bulletin.

OR

- 3.(B) (i) To know for sure that he had overcome his fear of drowning in water.
- (ii) (A) Triggs Island and Stamp Act Island are both located in Lake Wentworth
- (iii) Prior drowning experiences
- (iv) (B) on a small scale
- (v) (A) Addressed it
- (vi) An antonym of 'tiny' is huge / big / large

- V. (i) M. Hamel had taught French for the last forty years and now a German teacher was going to replace him. He grew so emotional that words were stuck in his throat, He felt heartbroken at the very thought of leaving. So, he made a gesture instead of speaking.
- (ii) Saheb's mother who is a Bangladeshi tells her son that they had to leave their homeland in search of a better life and livelihood as their home and fields were destroyed in various storms which rendered them penniless and homeless. People who leave their homeland country for social, economic or political reasons and seek shelter in other countries are called 'refugees'.
- (iii) The poet invokes the symbol of 'Earth' that looks still from outside but it has immense possibility of life within it.
- (iv) Obtaining legal justice may fetch a benefit for a limited extent. In other words, legal justice is mundane whereas freedom from the fear of the authority is cosmic. As in the case of Champaran episode, it brought about a perpetual attitudinal change that helped the peasants to stand on their own feet with an matched confidence.
- (v) ".....then out of sorts At having the landscape marred with the artless paint of signs that with N turned wrong and S turned wrong." Their complaint was that the artless and clumsy paint on the roadside stand spoiled the beauty of the whole landscape. They were also irritated that even signs like N and S were turned wrong.

- (vi) Sophie made this remark for her brother Geoff who was a person of few words. Sophie was sick of her brother's reserved and silent nature. He hardly ever spoke voluntarily. Words had to be drawn out of his mouth as precious gems are dug out from the ground with great effort.
- VI. (i) In 'Adventure' Gangadhar Pant made a transition from one world to another and back again. He was able to experience two worlds at one time. Thus, fantasy and reality are interwoven. In The Third Level, Galesburg is a peaceful world where Charley spent his childhood. To escape the busy life of New York Charley finds the third level to reach Galesburg. Sam is also transported to Galesburg. Here too fantasy and reality are interwoven.
- (ii) Sadao accepted the General's plan to assassinate Tom but it proved counter productive to having put him on the path of recovery. Sadao was a doctor and he felt himself bound to adhere to his sense of duty towards a patient whosoever. As a human being he couldn't let a patient being killed.
- His acceptance to the General's plan was in accord with his loyalty to his country which was at war with Tom's country. General forgot his promise but Dr. Sadao could prove himself to be a loyal Japanese, a true doctor and a kind human being.
- (iii) The old man affects a change in Derry's approach to the things around. Derry says in the scene two, "It's got nothing to do with my face and what I look like. I don't care about that and it isn't important". Now he is not afraid of his disfigured face. He would live a normal life.
- VII. (i) Sophie came from a family background with a very humble set-up. Her father worked hard to earn a living for the family. His labour reflected on his face which was grimy and stank of sweat. Her father scooping shepherd's pie into his mouth as hard as the cold goes speaks of their poor financial condition. Her mother was bent, her back gone crooked with the burden of the household work. Her brother Geoff worked as an apprentice mechanic. The family lived in a small house which displayed their humble living with dirty washing piled in a corner and the room smelling of stove. Her friend Jansie time and again referred to the fact that they were earmarked for the biscuit factory where they would earn very meagre salary. When Sophie shared her dream of buying a boutique, her father reminded her their poverty-stricken family needed to have a decent house. All these indicators show that Sophie's family had a poor financial status.

OR

- (ii) The poem 'My Mother at Sixty-Six' brings out the natural complexities of the human mind and the natural fear of losing our parents, which is common to the hearts of all humans. Ageing is an indispensable part of human life which we have to accept, irrespective of the pain it cultivates in our hearts.
- The poet speaks about her mother who is growing old and has a pale and weak look on her face. Her mother sleeps while travelling, as we realize that she requires rest.
- The poet recalls how even as a child she has experienced the fear of losing her mother. Now her fear has changed into the fear of losing her mother to death.
- That is why she diverts her attention by looking outside the window at the trees passing by and the children coming out of their homes to play. Later, at the airport she smiles at the mother only with the hope of meeting her soon.

VIII. (i) When organised wars start, the feeling of animosity grows stronger. Hatred against the enemy country becomes an accepted feeling which is considered justifiable. Hence hatred against the member of the enemy race can be considered wholly justifiable. This is why the prisoners of war are treated in an inhuman way. These are narrow prejudices.

But these narrow prejudices are not permanent things. When the war is over, hatred gives way to tolerance and love.

It is compassion and large heartedness of a human being that make him rise above narrow prejudice.

During the World War Japan and America were enemies of each other. An American soldier named Tom who had escaped prison was shot in the back. He crawled on his hands and knees to the door-steps of a Japanese doctor named Dr. Sadao. The doctor inspected him. He found the wound in the back bleeding. It was fearful bleeding. The conscience of a doctor raised him above narrow prejudices. He operated the enemy soldier, took out the bullet and gave him shelter in his house to heal his wound.

It was against the law to provide an enemy shelter in his house, yet the doctor treated him as a patient and human being.

OR

(ii) Sadao and Hana left no stone unturned while trying to save the life of the injured man. On finding the white man badly wounded on the sea-shore both Sadao and Hana rescued him. Dr Sadao immediately tried to stanch the gun wound by packing it with sea-moss. Both Sadao and Hana gave shelter to this man even after discovering that he was an American POW. Next, they went against their family tradition and carried the bleeding prisoner to Dr Sadao's father's bedroom. Hana decided to wash the prisoner before Dr Sadao got down to treat him. She sought Yumi's (the nursemaid) help for this task but had to do it all alone because Yumi refused to help after Hana disclosed the patient's identity to her. Then Sadao sought Hana's help to give anesthetic to the man while he operated upon him. This was very difficult for Hana as she felt nauseating on seeing the oozing wounds. Still she assisted her husband and later took good care of the prisoner till he recovered. Dr Sadao realised that prolonging the man's stay in their house would risk his life, so he helped him to escape by providing him with a boat, food, water, clothes and other essentials required till he sailed out of danger.